

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated September 24, 2007. Claims 1, 4 and 10 to 13 are in the application, with Claims 2, 3 and 5 to 9 having been cancelled, and Claims 11 to 13 having been newly-added herein. Claims 1 and 10 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,925,509 (Ihara). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Referring to the specific language of the claims, independent Claim 1 defines a television broadcast receiving apparatus comprising a receiving unit for receiving television broadcasting waves transmitted in a way that multiplexes program information together with plural pieces of program data, a determination unit for determining a number of channels viewable, a selection unit for selecting one of (i) a first print mode for printing program information of each program on a predetermined number of pages, and (ii) a second print mode for printing program information of each program without designating the number of pages, and a print control unit for converting the program information received by the receiving unit into data for printing, and outputting program information to a printer. The print control unit determines a layout of the program information a page by a page according to the number of channels viewable, and according to the print mode.

Independent Claim 10 is directed to a method generally corresponding to the apparatus of Claim 1.

The applied reference is not seen to disclose or to suggest the features of independent Claims 1 and 10, and in particular, is not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the features of determining a number of channels viewable, selecting one of (i) a first print mode for printing program information of each program on a predetermined number of pages, and (ii) a second print mode for printing program information of each program without designating the number of pages, and determining a layout of the program information a page by a page according to the number of channels viewable, and according to the print mode.

Ihara is seen to disclose printing character data of an electronic program guide (EPG), in which a set top box (STB) 3 filters EPG information by channel and time zone, stores the filtered EPG as a table, and sends the stored EPG to a printer to be printed. (See, column 6, lines 10 to 14 of Ihara). However, Ihara is not seen to disclose or to suggest determining a number of channels viewable, and selecting one of (i) a first print mode for printing program information of each program on a predetermined number of pages, and (ii) a second print mode for printing program information of each program without designating the number of pages.

A fortiori, even though Ihara may disclose the printer “executes layout, character rasterization, and color separation on the received EPG data” (column 6, lines 32 to 33), Ihara is not seen to disclose or to suggest determining a layout of the program information a page by a page according to the number of channels viewable, and according to the print mode.

Accordingly, independent Claims 1 and 10 are believed to be allowable.

The other claims in the application are each dependent from the independent claims and are believed to be allowable over the applied reference for at least the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

Turning to a formal matter, Applicant notes that the Office Action indicates that only “some” certified copies of priority documents have been received by the Patent Office. (See, Office Action Summary, box 12(a)). However, Applicant believes this to be a typographical error because the present application claims priority to a single foreign application, JP 2002-362703, a certified copy of which was filed on October 15, 2004. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to indicate that all certified copies have been received in the next Office communication.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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